

Fort McPherson, World War II Station Hospital,
Mess Hall (Building No. 132)
Anderson Way and Howe Street
Atlanta
Fulton County
Georgia

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- Location: Between Anderson Way and Howe Street, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.
- Significance: The Mess Hall was built in 1943 for the patients and medical detachment of the Station Hospital addition. It signifies the expansion of the Fort McPherson Station Hospital during World War II and the role of the 800-series hospital in mobilization construction. It connects with the other buildings in the hospital at an angle to the west-most ward, Building 131.
- Description: Building 132 is a one-story, hollow-tile mobilization building, basically rectangular in plan, seventeen bays long by four bays wide. It rests on concrete footings. It features a cross-gable roof covered in composition shingling. Most of the windows are filled in. Today, a large dryvit panel, concrete-post-supported addition projects from the building's north face. The floor plan featured four sections--dining, serving space and dish washing, a kitchen, and basic service area--but today is redivided.
- History: Building 132 was built as a Type HM-336E Mess Hall for 336 patients according to standard plan 800-3131. It was completed to plans developed by architects Burge & Stevens at a cost of \$27,208. The Mess Hall was constructed to mobilization standards in hollow tile as part of a larger, 800-series hospital also featuring semipermanent wards. It remained a mess hall after the war. Today, it serves as the military clothing sales store.
- Sources: Completion Report, Job Number T3 at Fort McPherson, Georgia. January 1943 - May 1943. (Record Group 77, Army Corps of Engineers, Completion Reports, Fort McPherson. Washington National Records Center.)
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